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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 1463

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SUBJECT: JEWS IN MOROCCO

1. SIX OF JEWISH EMPLOYEES OF EMBASSY, USIS AND AID HAVE RECENTLY ADDRESSED PETITION TO AMBASSADOR ASKING THAT, IN VIEW OF CURRENT SITUATION JEWS IN MOROCCO, WE MAKE EFFORTS OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT FOR THEM WITH USG ELSEWHERE. MOST OF EMPLOYEES IN QUESTION COULD PROBABLY EMIGRATE AND FIND JOBS ELSEWHERE WITHOUT OUR HELP BUT NATURALLY WISH CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT WITH USG IN ORDER HAVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS. ALL OF THOSE IN QUESTION HAVE WORKED AT LEAST 15 YEARS FOR US.

2. AS RESULT PETITION I HAD DISCUSSION OF SITUATION MOROCCAN JEWISH COMMUNITY WITH SYDNEY ENGEL, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, ON MARCH 30. HE TOLD ME COMMUNITY NOW DOWN TO SOME 25,000, AS COMPARED TO 32,000 IN JULY 1972 ( OUR A-178 OF JULY 19, 1972) AND THAT IT WILL SHRINK MUCH MORE AFTER COMING PASSOVER, ALTHOUGH MANY WHO TALK OF LEAVING WILL NOT ACTUALLY DO SO. HE SAID COMMUNITY CONCERNED BY WHAT IT SEES AS DIM OUTLOOK FOR MONACHY, WHICH HAS BEEN ITS TRADITIONAL PROTECTOR, AND FEARFUL AS TO LOCAL REACTION WHEN FIRST MOROCCAN SOLDIER KILLED ON SYRIAN FRONT AND BROUGHT BACK HERE FOR BURIAL. ALREADY CONVINCED THERE NO  
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ECONOMIC FUTURE FOR THEM OR THEIR CHILDREN HERE, JEWS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED FOR THEIR PHYSICAL SAFETY AND BY POSSIBILITY THAT IF REGIME WERE TO FALL THEY WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE. PROBLEM FOR MOST OF THEM IS THAT THERE NO OTHER PLACE WHERE THEY LIKELY TO ENJOY ADVANTAGES OF CLIMATE AND RELATIVELY EASY CIRCUMSTANCES THEY HAVE HERE. FEW WILL GO TO ISRAEL, BULK WILL JOIN RELATIVES IN FRANCE, THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, OR AUSTRALIA.

3. OUR EMPLOYEES TALK IN MORE CONCRETE TERMS, ABOUT INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE HAPPENED TO THEM PERSONALLY, AND DEFINITELY HAVE THE WIND UP. IF ALL SIX ACTUALLY LEAVE BY THIS SUMMER IT WILL POSE SOME DIFFICULT RECRUITING PROBLEMS FOR US. ALL ARE VALUED CLERICAL EMPLOYEES WITH GOOD RECORDS.

4. IN ADDITION TO SIX WHO SIGNED PETITION, THERE ARE NUMBER OF OTHER JEWISH EMPLOYEES IN MISSION WHO OCCUPY KEY POSITIONS. INDICATIONS ARE THAT VIRTUALLY ALL ARE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE MOROCCO.

5. WE HAVE BEEN WRITING VARIOUS POSTS IN EUROPE IN EFFORT LOCATE SUITABLE USG EMPLOYMENT FOR THESE EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, COMPETITION IS KEEN AND EXCEPT FOR ONE OR TWO LUCKY ONES WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE FAVORABLE RESULTS. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY VIEWS ON OTHER AVENUES WE MIGHT PURSUE, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THEM.  
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